

New Brockton High School Honor Rolls - 2nd Reporting Period

"A" Honor Roll

7th Grade: Shelby Adkins, Claire Bailey, Savannah Ellis, Jena Freese, Dannie Mock, Darian Morrow, Kimberly Stephenson

8th Grade: Calynn Bastion, Whitney Brantley, Alyssa Brown, Brandi Hendrix, Heather Hendrix, Chelsey Holloway, Belinda Jones-Pitt, Steven Smith, Courtney Williams

9th Grade: Shelby Brown, Adam Pope

10th Grade: Chelsea Dempsey, Daniel Fair, Jessica Parish, Chelsea Smith

11th Grade: Josh Adkison, Kristine Fitzgerald, Daniel Kelley, Kendall Persin, Rachel Troyer, Beth Vaughan

12th Grade: Justin Corbit, Adam Crosby, Tyler Moore, Andrea Proffitt

"A-B" Honor Roll

7th Grade: Amber Barnett, Tim Beavers, Priscilla Bryan, Melissa Cherch, Sloan Cotter, Kaitlan Crosby, Lindsey Foster, Andrew Furukawa, Abbey Gatlin, Sahb Herbert, Laken Hornsby, Matthew Richard, Allison Snell

8th Grade: Tiffany Adams,

Aubrey Baer, Shelby Cardino, Brittany Clarke, Nathan Compher, Rob Driggers, Kayla Kerrigan, Charlie Kilcrease, Brandon Lee, Erica Locklin, Anna Beth Sawyer

9th Grade: Emily Bowers, Abby Dunaway, Justin Farris, Skyler Lee, Cassidy Moore, Ebenee Muhammad, Nick Stephenson, Krista Thomas, Brook Winburn, Kelly Wood, Kristin Wood

10th Grade: Ashley Anderson, Katie Donaldson, Tori Stone, Ashley Tidwell

William M. Johnson Jr. graduates from basic combat training in S.C.

Army Pvt. William M. Johnson Jr. has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military reading, first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

He is the son of William Johnson of Sunshine Tower, San Antonio, Texas, and Robin Johnson of New Brockton, Ala. Johnson is a 2006 graduate of New Brockton High School.

Kayla Farnon, Maranda Foust, Ashley Horton, Jeremy Johnson, Kayla Kerrigan, Charlie Kilcrease, Brandon Lee, Erica Locklin, Anna Beth Sawyer

11th Grade: Emilee Dunn, Andrew Fuller, Megan Grossland, Monica Largess, Bethany Low, Malory Meissner, Aaron Pope, Ginny Smith, Kurtis Stanton, Tiffany Taylor

12th Grade: Alexa Adams, Trey Bradley, Seth Brown, Brandon Griswold, Heath Hollis, Valerie Hutcherson, Vanna Marshall, Jamie Motley

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Elba Police arrest burglary suspect

Carl W. Howell was arrested by Elba Police Tuesday, Feb. 6, and charged with two counts of burglary third degree.

Elba Chief of Police Freddy Hanchey said his department has been working to solve several burglaries of local businesses. On Tuesday, Feb. 6, Chief Hanchey said officers were able to arrest Carl W. Howell, age 42, of Elba, Ala., allegedly in connection with two burglaries.

Chief Hanchey said the arrest of Howell was made possible in cooperation with the Opp and Andalusia police departments.

According to Hanchey, Howell was arrested and charged with two counts of burglary third degree. Anyone who possibly purchased items from Howell is asked to contact the Elba Police Dept. at 897-2555.

In each of the reported burglaries, Chief Hanchey said the store clerk drew a weapon on the individual. At this point, he said the individual reportedly turned and fled the scene.

Shortly thereafter, Chief Hanchey said officers located a subject fitting the reported description of the robbery suspect. He said the officers returned the suspect to the store for identification.

Following identification by the store clerk, Chief Hanchey said Phillip O'Neal Musgrove, a resident of County Road 377, Elba, was arrested and charged with robbery first degree. Musgrove was transported to the Coffee County Jail where he remained (at press time) with no bond.

Coffee County Sheriff's Department investigates burglaries

On Saturday, Jan. 27, Marcus Neal was arrested and charged with receiving stolen property third degree. On Tuesday, Jan. 30, Timothy Dewan Council was arrested and charged with receiving stolen property second degree.

According to Chief Deputy Ronnie Whitworth, the burglaries have involved the taking of guns/weapons, jewelry, tools, alcoholic beverages, money, electronic equipment, DVD's, cellular telephones, hunting equipment, etc. He said the burglaries have occurred from the south end to the north end of the county.

Last week, Chief Whitworth said the department was able to arrest two suspects. He said the arrests were made possible through the help and cooperation of the community.

Burglary investigation reunites dog with owner

According to officials with the Coffee County Sheriff's Department, the recent burglary of a home on County Road 728 resulted in a Jack Russell Terrier being taken among other items.

The dog, named "Scooter," his food and kennel were allegedly taken from the residence.

Ronnie Whitworth, chief deputy with the Coffee County Sheriff's Department, said officers with his department asked the Enterprise animal control officer to "watch out" for Scooter.

On Tuesday, Jan. 30, it was reported that a dog matching Scooter's description had been turned in at a local veterinarian's office.

Scooter was positively identified by his owner, and the animal was reunited with his family.

Chief Whitworth said Scooter appeared to be unharmed.

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ask for help

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
with Ferrin Cox

The way forward.....

There have been regular questions coming into the Elba Clipper office about another of Editor Linda Hodge's original serial stories. Well one has started this week. Expect chapters once a week for the next nine weeks. It is the story of a young man who gets the urge to wander and find that better world. Many of us know that itch from a personal experience. We also know that results of scratching that itch vary widely, some productive and others not so successful. Linda just finished writing this one last night, so frankly not even those of us around the office know the outcome . . . so don't even bother to ask us about the outcome. That will come in the ninth segment . . . in April.

For several years there has been lots of fanfare and even a movie about successful efforts to re-establish the almost extinct Whooping Crane in North America. The ideal of using an ultra light airplane to teach the young birds the migration routes is what most is most fascinating. Well the crop this year has ended in a disaster. Nineteen juvenile cranes were led to Florida for the winter and eighteen of them perished in the severe weather that hit that state last week. Somehow one got out of the pen and its radio transmitter let officials several miles away where it had taken up with some Sand Hill Cranes.

That reminds us of the story of thousands of dollars spent several years ago to save a couple of birds caught in the aftermath of a major oil spill. We believe this event happened after the big spill in Alaska. The birds were cleaned up, nurtured for months and when their feathers grew out again, and proper health restored, released back into the ocean with a big fanfare. The TV cameras were there, everything . . . to watch the birds happily swim twenty feet into the bay and each one was instantly swallowed by a hungry seal.

The national debt is staggering. There is a web site that updates this number daily. At 11:17 a.m. yesterday it was at \$3,700,625,968,151.04. Don't forget the four pennies on the end. That eight to the left is trillion for those of you trying to visualize this number. Hopefully none of the Elba Clipper readers will try to understand such a pile of money - we would lose a reader to insanity if they did. At the above time on Tuesday there were 300,887,264 people in the U.S. Therefore each of us own \$28,916.56 on that debt. Hurry and Pay up because the total is going up by an average of \$1.5 billion a day.

It made all the news last week and is as the details trickle out that we are still in shock. A sheriff's wife and a deputy sheriff responding to her call for help were killed in Jackson County, Florida. We didn't know either of the two, nor the two men killed minutes later in a shootout with the sheriff and two other deputies. We do know Sheriff Johnny McDaniel and he is an extremely nice guy. No one deserves this burden, but surely not Johnny Mc. His dad was killed in a convenience store robbery some 25 years ago, a son died from an illness fairly recently, etc., the list goes on and on. But if that wasn't enough, his daughter is married to the sheriff in another Florida county, horror of horrors, how can the man sleep at night? If there is any good side in all this, it is that several grandchildren were often at their rural home but happened to be elsewhere the day of the killing.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Jan. 29, 2007, investigated the following incidents: one for fraudulent use of a debit card, one for a lost cell phone, one for criminal mischief, one for harassing communications, one for criminal trespassing, one for burglary, one for domestic violence, one for a private property accident, one for robbery, one for resisting arrest, one for possession of marijuana and one for possession of drug paraphernalia.

The following arrests were made: one for failure to appear, one for robbery, one for resisting arrest, one for possession of marijuana and one for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: four for speeding, two for not wearing seat belt, one for no child restraint and two for improper lights.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

MONDAY, JAN. 29 - Two-vehicle wreck reported on Hwy. 84 W. (2:58 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched as mutual aid to a mobile home fire at 15663 Hwy. 84 (9:45 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 15663 Hwy. 84 (9:49 p.m.).

TUESDAY, JAN. 30 - Attempted burglary reported at a business on Buford St. (8:40 a.m.).

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 31 - Elba Fire Department dispatched to 2805 Taylor Mill Rd. (7:39 a.m.). Minor two-vehicle wreck reported in the parking lot of the

By: U.S. Senator Richard Shelby

On January 10th, President Bush addressed the nation to outline the new way forward in Iraq. While I have expressed concerns about our ongoing military operations in the Middle East, I believe we must carefully examine this new strategy. It is essential that our presence in Iraq be weighed against the achievability of our long-term goals for Iraq and the surrounding region is a justifiable measure if they are given a clearly defined mission and achievable military objectives. However, our struggles in Iraq have proven that we cannot do it alone. Victory in Iraq will ultimately rest with the Iraqi government and its people. It is the Iraqi's who must continue to work aggressively to rid their country of Islamic extremists intent on destroying security

political miscalculations and lack of progress that we have made since the initial fall of Baghdad, and understandably so. But let's be clear - the consequence of failure in Iraq is the strengthening and growth of radical extremists that seek to destroy the freedoms we hold dear.

While no one wants our military personnel to be in harm's way, increasing the American military presence in Baghdad and the surrounding region is a justifiable measure if they are given a clearly defined mission and achievable military objectives. However, our struggles in Iraq have proven that we cannot do it alone. Victory in Iraq will ultimately rest with the Iraqi government and its people. It is the Iraqi's who must continue to work aggressively to rid their country of Islamic extremists intent on destroying security

and democracy in the Middle East and around the globe.

While we have just begun to debate the intricacies of this new strategy, our commitment to our servicemen must remain strong. The members of the United States armed forces willingly face grave dangers for each and every one of us. It is vital to continue to support the troops by ensuring that they have the best equipment, best supplies, and best leadership necessary to get the job done. I acknowledge that there are different views points within Congress about our way forward in Iraq, but Congress should never let political infighting lead to bartering for bullets. Cutting off funding for our troops should never be an option.

This is not a war that will be won overnight and it is dangerous to believe that if we set an

artificial timeline to withdraw troops from Iraq that the terrorist violence would not follow us home. Allowing Iraq to become a safe haven for radical extremists is a threat not only to the safety and security of the United States, but to the entire free world. It is essential that we follow through on our obligation to bring about stability in Iraq and establish an environment where its political and economic structures will succeed. While no one can guarantee success, quitting now most certainly would assure failure.

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FEBRUARY 9-13
Enterprise Shopping Center
I - *NORBIT (PG-13)
M-F 7 & 9:10 - \$6.50 2, 7 & 9:10
II - *PIPER MOVIE (PG-13)
M-F 7:30 & 9:00 - \$6.50 2, 7:10 & 9:00
Contag...Feb. 14 - Music & Lyrics &
Tyler Perry's Daddy's Little Girls
Enterprise Cinema
III - *WIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG)
M-F 7 Only - \$6.50 2 & 7
IV - SMOKIN' ACRES (R)
M-F 9:15 Only - \$6.50 9:15 Only
Enterprise Cinema
I - HANNIBAL RISING (R)
M-F 7 & 9:25
SAT 7 & 9:25
II - BECAUSE I SAID SO (PG-13)
M-F 7 & 9:15 - \$6.50 2, 7 & 9:15
III - *THE MESSENGERS (PG-13)
M-F 7:15 & 9:15 - \$6.50 2, 7:15 & 9:15
Enterprise Matinee Sat & Sun
2 p.m. only - all seats \$4.50

Riley awards grant to reduce drugs, crime in South Alabama

Gov. Bob Riley has awarded a \$107,000 grant to combat violent crime and the sale, use and distribution of illegal drugs in south Alabama.

The Southeast Alabama Violent Crime/Narcotics Criminal Intelligence Program will use funds to continue its programs to reduce drugs and crime in Barbour, Bullock, Coffee, Covington, Dale, Geneva, Henry and Houston counties.

"Illegal drugs adversely affect every section and segment of our society. This program is part of a cooperative effort to take drug dealers off the streets and reduce violent crime that so often accompanies the drug

trade," Riley said. "I am pleased to assist in this effort."

In addition to working with 45 law enforcement agencies in solving drug-related crimes, the agency is part of the Alabama Intelligence Network which gathers information that leads to arrests throughout Alabama and the Southeast.

Information provided by the agency has been used to reduce the drug trade and solve crimes involving homicides, rapes, arrests, credit card fraud and forgeries.

Students named to Dean's List at University of AL

A total of 4,697 students enrolled during the fall 2006 semester at The University of Alabama made Dean's List with academic records of 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale) or above, or the President's List with academic records of 4.0.

The Dean's and President's Lists recognize full-time undergraduate students. The lists do not apply to graduate students or

undergraduate students who take less than a full course load.

The fall 2006 Deans List includes the following students from this area:

New Brockton
John J Windham
Stefanie N. Barker
Kinston AL
Andrew Joseph Walsingham
Brantley AL
Jerri B Grant

A Note of Thanks

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May God bless each of you,

Julius Hyamith

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* ABUSING CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES THROUGH CHRISTIANISM

* A.R.M.S. addiction recovery ministry services

* BAPTIST CHURCH - Elba Baptist Church

* CALL 365-7270 or visit the website: www.inbaptist.com

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* DATES

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* E.L.B.A. CITY COUNCIL

* E.L.B.A. COUNTY COMMISSIONER

* E.L.B.A. COUNTY CO-OP

* E.L.B.A. MINISTERIAL ASSN.

* E.L.B.A. UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

* GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

* HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

LIFESTYLES

Mr. and Mrs. James L. Gallimore honored with 50th wedding anniversary celebration



Mr. & Mrs. James L. Gallimore

2007 Sweetheart Banquet to be hosted by Greater Essence

The 2007 Sweetheart Banquet A Family Foundation will be hosted by Greater Essence Women Society on February 17, 2007 at Moseley's Studio Elba, Ala. beginning at 6 p.m. There will be a charge to attend and proceeds help benefit the 2007 high school scholarship fund.

Tickets may be purchased by calling: Lynell - 897-1541, Tony or Belinda - 897-1451, Liz - 897-3439, Jeaneva - 494-0862, Monique - 494-0863, Rosalda - 897-1992, Cathynette - 897-3334, or Allison - 897-5393. Pictures will also be available for purchase.

LBW Community College is offering FREE 10 week program

LBW Community College offers Alabama's Focused Industry Training (FIT) on the Andalusia Campus and at the Luverne Center. FIT is a free 10-week program that provides the skills required for entry-level employment with many Alabama businesses and industries. The program is conducted in a professional, workplace environment where students receive training in business education, computer skills, workplace behavior, problem solving, manufacturing, interview skills, and much more! Successful completers become "Alabama Certified Workers" which confirms their skills and abilities. Graduates also receive job placement assistance.

Classes begin soon and space is limited. For more information or to register, contact Cindy Green at (334) 493-5344 or email at cgreen@lbwcc.edu.

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Mr. & Mrs. Rex Bradshaw

50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration set for Mr. & Mrs. Rex Bradshaw

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Bradshaw will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house on February 18th from 2-4 p.m. at the National Security Conference Center. All friends and family are cordially invited to attend.

Rex and Annette Bradshaw were married February 2, 1957 and were blessed with two children, Don Bradshaw and Sylvia King, and three grandchildren, Samuel Pulliam, Emily Bradshaw, and Clint Bradshaw.

Robert Matthew Morrow

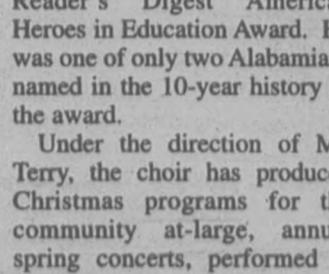
Robert Matthew Morrow celebrates 2nd birthday on January 20th

Robert Matthew Morrow celebrated his 2nd birthday on January 20, 2007. Several friends and family gathered at The Mountain Brook Fire Station where the little ones enjoyed the fire trucks. They were allowed to have a "really close look" and spend a few minutes in the big trucks.

The party then moved across the street to an ice cream parlor where they enjoyed cups of ice cream and their choice.

Parents of Robert are Matt and Katie Morrow of Birmingham, Ala. Grandparents are Paul and Nancy Morrow of Elba and Duke and Nancy Terrell of Birmingham. Great-grandmothers are Edna Morrow of Elba and Mary Carnley of Daphne, Ala., formerly of Elba.

Deadline For Social News Is Monday!



George Washington Carver

SHC Choir to be in concert at St. Beulah

The George Washington Carver Senior High School Choir of Montgomery, Alabama, will be presented in concert by the Youth Department of the St. Beulah Missionary Baptist Church in celebration of Black History Month. The choir is under the direction of Mr. Henry H. Terry, a native of Elba, and the former Minister of Music for St. Beulah. In 1997, Mr. Terry was named one of the top 10 educators in the country in the Reader's Digest American Heroes in Education Award. He was one of only two Alabamians named in the 10-year history of the award.

Under the direction of Mr. Terry, the choir has produced Christmas programs for the community at-large, annual spring concerts, performed at the Governor's Mansion, and performed at several local churches. Their annual spring tour has allowed to travel extensively throughout the United States, to include: Maryland, North Carolina, Georgia, Texas, Michigan, and Washington, D.C. The choir repertoire includes a variety of styles encompassing all periods of music but is most noted for its accurate performances of music by African-American composers.

The choir is in constant demand for appearances and St. Beulah is pleased to have them as part of their Black History Month Celebration. The concert will be held at St. Beulah on Sunday, February 11, 2007 during the regular worship services which begin at 10:45 a.m. The Youth Department extends a cordial invitation to everyone to come and hear the anointed voices of the choir.

Conner Stricklin celebrates second birthday

Conner Stricklin turned 2 years old on December 16, 2006. Conner celebrated his birthday with a Barney party with his family.

His parents are Lee and Conner Stricklin and his grandparents are Dottie and Perry Stricklin, Hayward Towles, and Martha and Ben Dreyer of Elba.

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Arnold chosen "Teacher of the Year" at Red Level High School

Each year the Andalusia Area Chamber of Commerce holds a "Teacher of the Year" contest for teachers serving in Andalusia or Covington County School Systems. Nominees are chosen in three classifications: elementary, middle school, and high school, and one nominee is chosen from each school within the county. This year, Mr. Joseph Arnold was chosen to represent Red Level High School as their "Teacher of the Year."

Mr. Arnold, a lifetime resident of the Jack community, is a first-year teacher at Red Level, where he teaches ninth grade world history and tenth grade United States History. He is a 1995 graduate of Zion Chapel High School, and has earned both Bachelor's of Science (1999) and Master's of Science (2004) degrees in Social Science Education from Troy University. The children of Mr. & Mrs. Carlton Bowden cordially invite you to celebrate the Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary of their parents on Saturday, the tenth of February Two-Thousand and seven from two until half past three o'clock at the Olde South Inn, 717 W. Davis Street, Elba, Alabama.

No gifts please.

Robert Matthew Morrow

Robert Matthew Morrow celebrates 2nd birthday on January 20th

Robert Matthew Morrow was married February 2, 1957 and were blessed with two children, Don Bradshaw and Sylvia King, and three grandchildren, Samuel Pulliam, Emily Bradshaw, and Clint Bradshaw.

Mr. Henry Terry

George Washington Carver SHC Choir to be in concert at St. Beulah

The George Washington Carver Senior High School Choir of Montgomery, Alabama, will be presented in concert by the Youth Department of the St. Beulah Missionary Baptist Church in celebration of Black History Month. The choir is under the direction of Mr. Henry H. Terry, a native of Elba, and the former Minister of Music for St. Beulah. In 1997, Mr. Terry was named one of the top 10 educators in the country in the Reader's Digest American Heroes in Education Award. He was one of only two Alabamians named in the 10-year history of the award.

Under the direction of Mr. Terry, the choir has produced Christmas programs for the community at-large, annual spring concerts, performed at the Governor's Mansion, and performed at several local churches. Their annual spring tour has allowed to travel extensively throughout the United States, to include: Maryland, North Carolina, Georgia, Texas, Michigan, and Washington, D.C. The choir repertoire includes a variety of styles encompassing all periods of music but is most noted for its accurate performances of music by African-American composers.

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SCHOOLS

Journalism Spotlight

by Ashton Rodriguez



Tiger Tales

Editors:
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& Clara Burrows

This week's Journalism Spotlight focuses on Lauren McClane.

Lauren is the 17-year-old daughter of John McClane and Yvette Attridge. She enjoys being a senior in high school, reading, singing, playing the flute, babysitting and spending time with family and friends.

Lauren is an active member of the Ibo Baptist Church youth group, youth choir, puppet team, drama team and Girl Scout Troop #300. She is involved in numerous voluntary community service projects.

Lauren is a member of Sr. Beta, Mu Alpha Theta, Key Club, the Marching Tiger Band Danceine, Concert Band and a Representative of SGA. She is also Varsity Cheerleading Co-Captain, EHS Ambassador Special Events Coordinator, Elba High co-editor, Tiger Times editor and the reigning Miss Elba.

Lauren describes herself as always being driven toward her goals. Her favorite thing about journalism is discovering how to use the yearbook program. InDesign.

After graduation, Lauren plans to attend Samford University to obtain a pre-med degree and later attend medical school to become a pediatrician.

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Brittany Phillips waits while Harper Lee autographs her book.

Elba Elementary hosts conference

by Sydney Brunson

Elba Elementary School received a great compliment

from the University of Alabama.

Mrs. Martin has been teaching for 10 years.

She previously taught at South Montgomery County Academy, Highland Home School and Escambia County High School.

She is the proud wife of Chris Martin, her high school sweetheart.

Mrs. Martin is the youngest of eight children and has 17 nieces and nephews.

In her spare time, she likes to read.

New portable buildings donated by local company

by Brittany Phillips

The old cliché "out with old and in with new" refers to the new portable buildings recently donated by Pete Cash and Mobile Attic.

The old dilapidated storage buildings, which are an "eyesore," have been replaced with new ones, which will be used by the school to store athletic equipment. These new buildings have allowed for increased security for the equipment.

Assistant Principal Kevin Killingsworth was responsible for finding someone to help with this project because he believed the buildings were in need of repair or replacement.

Because the buildings were severely damaged, repair was not an option.

Luckily, the generosity of the Cash family has made it possible for Elba High to enjoy the new buildings.

The athletes, coaches, administration, and all at Elba High greatly appreciate the donation.

Using Elba's program as an example for other schools is encouraging to all involved with the school program.

Pete Cash recently donated some Mobile Attic storage units to Elba High School. The new storage units will replace old dilapidated buildings (as shown above), and will be used mostly for storage of athletic equipment.

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Elba Elementary School releases "A" and "A/B" Honor Rolls

"A" Honor Roll

1st Grade: Jeremiah Jordan, Mone Martin, Alyssa Kyles, April Copepe, Gavin Caldwell, Isaiyah Daniels, Jessica Lewis, Mia Clark, Evie Bivin, Jonathan Zavala, Tamya Griffin, Tony Daniels, Laken Cooks, Winston

Bailey, Kayla Seay, Cedric Benton, Avery Webster, Haleigh Parrish, Walter Craighead, Zachary Hudson, Trinity Miller, Destinee Cole, Austin Lee, T. J. Watson, Devonair Wilkerson

2nd Grade: Emily Andrews, Quentin Bryan, Chris Wilson, Millicent Nolin, Samoyah Oliver, Mason Adkison, Landen Carley, Talon Flowers, Isaiah Kyles, Raven Lewis, Asia Rogers, Jerion Register, Grant Akridge, Kelsey Kelley, Mykaeliah Patterson, Garian Ward

3rd Grade: Shawn Carmey, BJ Free, Maggie Johnson, Monta King, Clark Logan, Chase Moseley, Clinton Skipper, Alberto Zavala, Alex Dawson, Justice Laviole, Trapp Hudson, Cammie Hudson, Caitlin Bradshaw, Tripp Hudson, Cammie Hudson, Avery Hanover, Bridge Harrison, Tanner Hudson, DaQuan Jordan, Alex McCown, Erin Staub, Cassondra Stinson

4th Grade: Victoria Greer, Emilee Hudson, Chance Johnson, Reid Rials, Troy Funder

5th Grade: Kayla Shepard, Cheyenne Spain, Quinton Smith,

6th Grade: Lucas Simpson, Jordan McDonald, Jon Ashley Amison, Harry Griffin, Justin Pope, Ashley Blake, Mandi Mallory, Harey Sasser

Meleigha Burrows, Taylor Ford, Sage Johnson, Chancey Marler, Annabelle Stokes, Logan Bailey, Ward Brunson, Ben Cash, Caitlin Cooper, Tyler Bobbitt, John Gray, Morgan Matthews, Kaleb Richard, Nalen, Keshon Reese, Rachel Smith, Caleb Walden

3rd Grade: Thomas Danley, Aurey Rodriguez, Romello Jones, Jay DeBoer, Kaylyn Gray, Brosnan Cooks, Jordan Cain, Mary Brunson, Blake Edwards, DeShawn Edwards, Antonio Hill, Biricus Hill, Nijah Wilson, Kenneth Neil Amison, Ty Sistrunk, Austin Watkins, Jal Smith, Ricardo Hill, Eli Edwards, Beyonce Gray, Aliyunte Hammonds, Chance Walden

4th Grade: Matthew Marler, Griffin Martin, Raheem Newsom, Kristopher Adkison, Arel Scott, Miguel Banks, Christal Ingeman, Tat Logan, Travy Martin, Victoria Spann, Ty Stewart, Paige Weeks, David Ardis, Karissa Burks, Denzell Thomas

5th Grade: Brandon Beck, Nick Green, Katie Johnson, Aquana Jones, Tia Kelley, Jada McKenzie, Kyle Richard, Asia Sistrunk, Trent Carr, Terriyana Goosby, Blake Dawson, Cody Lord, Dustin Bolding, Aireal Calloway, Chip Curtis, Venecia Magwood, Sarah Bryan, Brianna Daniels, Reggie Deal, Malik Kelley, Ebony Patterson

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Views From...

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

My baby girl celebrated her 18th birthday Sunday, and I guess that makes it official that whether I like it or not, both my girls are now grown. Since they both still come to Daddy when they need money I can still tell them what I would like them to do. However, I also understand that it is time for them to make many decisions on their own. Hopefully they will make the right decisions, and maybe even ask Daddy what to do a few times down the line.

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH...

*** The Elba Tigers suffered their eighth straight loss and saw their record slip to 9-16 last week with a 58-39 home court loss to Opp. The loss marked the fourth time this season the Tigers lost to their neighbors from across the Covington County line, and it seemed like the losses got worse and worse as the season rolled along. Friday night the Tigers simply could not find the basket, as they hit only 1 of 19 shots from behind the three-point arc, and even had the Opp fans pleading with them to quit taking three-pointers. The Elba players hustled on defense and played hard for all four quarters, but just couldn't score no matter what they tried to do. The Tigers owned a 9-8 record a few weeks back and I warned their fans that there were no more easy wins on the schedule, and those fears came true as the closed out the regular season losing eight straight games. With a trip to Calhoun left on the schedule in the opening round of the area tournament, unless something just short of a miracle happens it looks like Elba will end the season with nine straight losses and a losing record. Before leaving the subject of the Elba Tigers, I must say I was embarrassed Friday night with the actions of the players in their pre-game warm-ups. The players used their final home game to apparently make a statement about themselves as individuals, and their little show made it clear to me that these young men cared more about their own personal feelings than being part of a team. Maybe that is why the team has a losing record!

*** The Elba Lady Tigers dropped their final regular season game to the sixth-ranked Opp Lady Bobcats 75-45 and were simply outmatched by their talented opponents. The Lady Tigers battled back from an early 16-1 deficit to pull within two points, but could never grab the lead, and then ran out of gas in the second half to suffer the thirty-point defeat. Elba matched Highland Home basket-for-basket in the third quarter, but trailed 58-35 heading into the fourth quarter, and even a late rally only made the score respectable as the Tigers lost the game 75-58.

Antwon Tillis scored 18 points to lead Elba, while Frank Morris added 15 and Trey Belcher scored 11. Anthony Merriveather scored 14 points to lead Highland Home players that scored in double digits.

H. Home (75): Arrington 5, Cordell 2, McGough 2, Bailey 11, Beasley 2, Harris 10, Bryant 4, Merriveather 14, O. Merriveather 2, Sparks 2, Sankey 10. Elba (45): Harrison 1, Henderson 11, Carpenter 1, Thigpen 16, Coleman 1, Tillis 4, McBride 10.

Elba falls to Highland Home 73-58

The Elba Tigers made the trip up to Highland Home last Tuesday night and saw a late rally fall flat in a 73-58 loss to the Highland Home Flying Squadron.

The Tigers got off to a slow start and trailed 15-8 after one quarter, then saw the Squadron take off in the second quarter as Highland Home poured in 30 points in the stanza to open up a big 45-32 halftime advantage. Elba matched Highland Home basket-for-basket in the third quarter, but trailed 58-35 heading into the fourth quarter, and even a late rally only made the score respectable as the Tigers lost the game 73-58.

It is tournament time across the state, and this season for local fans it means it is time to gas up the car and head out to watch their teams in action. Kinston and Zion Chapel will both travel to Dothan while New Brockton will head to Barbour County for the boys tournament, and to Samson for the girls event. Brainerd is the exception to the rule, since both the boys and girls won their area titles and will be at home. From what I see, it looks like the Kinston Lady Bulldogs and Brainerd Lady Bulldogs are locks to advance to sub-region play, while on the boys side the Brainerd Bulldogs are the best bet to advance and keep that seal alive. The Kinston Bulldogs could pull off an upset if they play well, but that is about it as the season should close for the rest of the area teams.

*** Turning to football, word leaked out last week that the Elba Tigers would host the Zion Chapel Rebels this evening in a high school football jamboree. The two county rivals met for the first time a few years back in a fall football. So, the spring event should create quite a stir among the players that have grown to know each other so well over the years while competing in other sports. The draw is to be held Saturday, but once it is done there is no doubt it will circled on all the calendars at Elba and Zion Chapel.

*** In closing... Alabama's Coach Nick Saban got in hot water last week when he made a comment off the record that made its way to the radio talk shows. The new Bama coach used a slang term for certain residents from Louisiana, and while it may have been the wrong thing to say, maybe the coach at least now knows that just because he says something is off the record doesn't mean it will.

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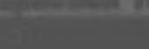
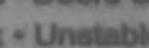
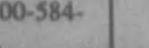
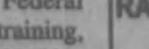
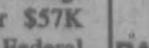
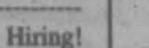
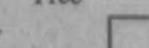
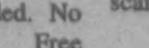
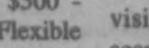
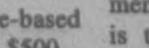
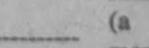
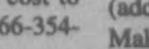
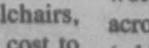
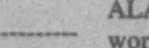
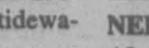
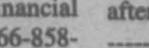
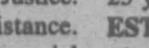
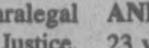
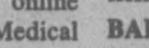
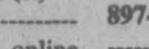
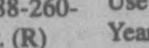
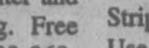
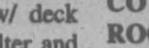
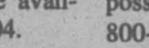
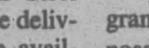
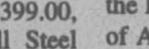
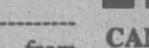
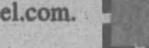
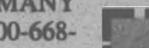
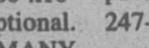
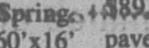
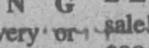
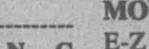
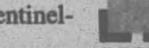
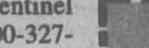
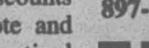
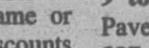
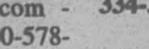
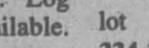
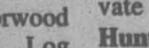
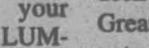
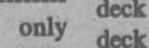
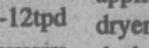
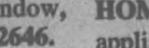
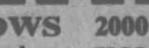
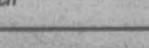
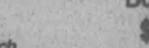
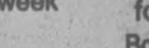
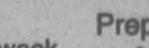
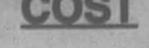
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NRCS accepting applications for program

Landowners in Alabama with qualifying properties are encouraged to consider applying for the Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP). This is a voluntary program offering landowners the opportunity to protect, restore and enhance wetlands on their property.

WRP is administered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). Funds are allocated annually to purchase easements and restore wetlands on qualifying lands. For 2007, applications received by March 15, 2007, will be ranked and considered for funding.

To be eligible for WRP, land must be restorable and be suitable for wildlife benefits. This includes:

- Farmed wetlands
- Farmland that has become a wetland as a result of flooding
- Rangeland, pasture, or hayland having wetland soils
- Riparian areas which link protected wetlands

Interested landowners are encouraged to contact the local USDA/NRCS field service center to file an application. Applicants will be contacted by an NRCS employee who will complete an evaluation of the site for ranking purposes. Those selected for participation in WRP if they are not enrolled in Conservation Reserve Program (CRP).

Participation in the WRP program can be beneficial to the landowner as well as to the environment.

For more information about participation in the WRP program, contact your local NRCS office at the Farm Service Center in New Brockton.

Telephone 334-894-5581, ext. 3.

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Elba sewer rates and garbage fees to increase March 1st

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council was extremely busy Monday evening, Feb. 12. Some items of interest to most people probably included the vote to increase sewer rates, as well as, an increase in residential garbage rates.

Restoring, protecting, and enhancing the functions and values of wetland ecosystems remain the focus of WRP in Alabama. By placing agricultural lands into WRP, the landowner provides resting and foraging habitat for migratory waterfowl, songbirds, shorebirds, wading birds and other wetland species. The NRCS in Alabama takes great pride in contributing to the many species of water birds observed on WRP lands.

WRP assistance is based on the potential benefit which the public may realize from wetland protection and restoration—projects and lands with the greatest wetland values are given the highest priority. Generally, agricultural lands are eligible for funding, although forested lands are only eligible for participation in WRP if they are not enrolled in Conservation Reserve Program (CRP).

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As shown above, the sidewalk in front of TigerTown Park received a colorful facelift as youngsters drew various designs.

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Nichols and said the council would review the recommendations and possibly include them in an already ongoing effort by city officials to bring ordinances in line with new laws passed last year by the state Legislature.

Mayor James Grimes thanked

Effective immediately Elba Electric rates increased

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba Water and Electric Board voted Monday evening, Feb. 12, to increase electric rates for residential and small commercial users.

Effective with the next billing, residential rates will increase from \$1.086 per kWh to

\$1.105 per kWh. This will result in about an extra \$30.00 for a homeowner who uses 1500 kWh.

Small commercial rates will increase from \$0.081 to \$1.103 per kWh.

Both will be offset somewhat by a reduction in the monthly fuel adjustment charges.

New Brockton Town Council approves new garbage collection service contract

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The New Brockton Town

Council made a decision regarding the new garbage contract for the town Tuesday evening, Feb. 6, during the regular monthly meeting.

Mayor Charles Cole said officials had renegotiated the contract bid presented by Arrow Disposal, and the company agreed to \$12.90 per month for the service.

Commercial sewer rates will also increase. Basic minimum rates will go from \$14.00 to \$16.00 and will cover the first 3,000 gallons of water consumed.

All usage over this minimum will be charged at \$1.50, up from the old \$1.20 per 1,000 gallons. There is no maximum charge. There is no maximum charge on commercial usage.

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Council member Jeff White

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Department of Agriculture. He said this department has a designated person in Coffee County who checks on such matters as cruelty to animals.

During Monday's Coffee County Commission meeting, County EMA director John Tallas said behalf of Sheriff Enterprise, along with our governing body (Coffee County Commission).

Following the report from Tallas, commissioners heard from county resident Sherry Perdue regarding the stray animal problem within the county.

He said the siren can feature up to seven different tones, and Coffee County uses three tones. He said the most common tone is the tornado warning while the siren in New Brockton also features a flood tone.

Tallas said the tornado warning is sounded only under two circumstances. First, he said it is sounded if the national weather service issues a tornado warning, and secondly, he said it is sounded following a reputable report of a sighting within the county. Tallas said his

department will regularly present a report of activity to the commission. During the month of January, he said the sheriff's department received 857 civil papers and 726 of those were served. He also said the department received 414 warrants and 269 of those were served.

Whitworth also said there had been questions regarding drug arrests to which he said the department made 31 drug arrests during the month of January. Of those, he said 25 were felony charges and six were misdemeanor charges. He noted that all were repeat offenders.

"It is a very, very busy place down there (referring to the sheriff's department)," said Whitworth.

He said this was on top of all the other daily matters handled by the department.

Following Whitworth's presentation, county attorney Joe Cassidy commended the sheriff's department. He said serving that many civil papers in a month's time period is a phenomenal task.

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